

SUBJECT: VIETNAM-ERA UNACCOUNTED FOR STATISTICAL REPORT

BACKGROUND: The Department of Defense, Washington Headquarters Service, and the Department of State report the current numbers of Americans who are unaccounted for in Southeast Asia:

AMERICANS UNACCOUNTED FOR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

<u>COMPONENT</u>	<u>COUNTRY OF LOSS</u>					<u>TOTALS</u>
	VN	VS	LA	CB	CH	
ARMY	10	486	105	35	0	636
NAVY	278	92	28	1	8	407
MARINE CORPS	24	202	18	8	0	252
AIR FORCE	220	165	258	16	0	659
COAST GUARD	0	1	0	0	0	1
CIVILIANS	0	22	12	5	0	39
TOTALS	532	968	421	65	8	1994 *
	<u>PURSUIT STATUS</u>					
FURTHER PURSUIT	231	499	365	48	4	1147
DEFERRED	58	110	30	2	1	201
NO FURTHER PURSUIT	243	359	26	15	3	646
TOTALS	532	968	421	65	8	1994

VN = VIETNAM, NORTH

VS = VIETNAM, SOUTH

CB = CAMBODIA

CH = CHINA

LA = LAOS

* INCLUDES 459 AT SEA/OVER WATER LOSSES

ACCOUNTING FOR U.S. PERSONNEL: The Central Identification Laboratory, Hawaii reports that since 1973, the U.S. has accounted for 589 Americans from Southeast Asia.

**AMERICANS ACCOUNTED FOR POST-1973
REPATRIATED BY:**

VIETNAM	423	*
CHINA	2	**
LAOS	148	
CAMBODIA	16	
TOTAL	589	***

NOTES:

* 34 remains from the Official Died in Captivity Lists provided by the Vietnamese in 1973.

** 2 ashes returned from China.

*** 4 remains were recovered and turned over to the U.S. by indigenous personnel; 1 from North Vietnam and 3 from Laos. They are included in the country count.

U.S. GOVERNMENT EFFORTS: Since the fall of Saigon in 1975, the U.S. Government has acquired 21731 reports possibly pertaining to Americans in Southeast Asia:

SUMMARY OF REPORTS

FIRSTHAND LIVE SIGHTINGS	1908
HEARSAY SIGHTINGS REPORTS	4831
CRASH/GRAVE SITES	5247
DOGTAGS	9745
TOTAL	21731

- a. Of the 1908 firsthand reports received since 1975, 1879 (98.48%) reports are resolved.
 - 1309 (68.61%) reports were equated to Americans who are accounted for (i.e., PW returnees, missionaries, civilians jailed at various times for violation of Vietnamese codes).
 - 45 (2.36%) reports were correlated to wartime sightings of military personnel or pre-1975 sighting of civilians who remain unaccounted for.
 - 525 (27.51%) reports were determined to be fabrications.
- b. The remaining 29 (1.52%) unresolved firsthand reports represent the focus of the U.S. Government analytical and collection efforts:
 - 26 (1.36%) pertain to Americans reported in a captive environment.
 - 3 (0.16%) reported sightings of Americans in a non-captive environment (i.e. working as truck drivers; married with Vietnamese family).
- c. The following timeline presents an overview of unresolved firsthand sightings by the year of the sighting:

TIMELINE: UNRESOLVED LIVE SIGHTING REPORTS

Pre-76	76-80	81-85	86-90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	Total
22	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	29